



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, June 6, 2012
Minutes

Members Present: S. Anderson F. Baruzzi (in at 6:07pm), G. Bent (co-chair), P. Braithwaite, L. Dahn, V. Fry, C. Guerreri, K. Grunwald (staff), J. Higham, Y. Kim, K. Krider (staff), M. LaPlaca (in at 5:50pm), MJ Newman, E. Soffer Roberts, J. Stoughton (co-chair) and J. Woodmansee (staff),

Regrets: S. Daly, J. Goldman, J. Boltseridge and L. Young

Guests: Terry Cook and Amy Gorin, M.D.

<i>WHAT (topic)</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	G. Bent called the meeting to order at 5:35pm	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of Minutes from May 2, 2012.	<u><i>Motion:</i></u> <i>J. Higham moves to approve the 6/2/12 Minutes as written. E. Soffer Roberts seconds and the motion passes unanimously.</i>
SCHOOL READINESS	<p>Update on UMN Survey: K. Krider provided background on the Unmet Needs Survey and how it is used by the State and the Legislature.</p> <p>Funding from the Governor: K. Krider provided members with an informational sheet regarding the FY 13 Budget and its impact on early care and education including the creation of 1,000 new SR slots.</p> <p>New Planning Team: Members discussed a newly formed Early Childhood Planning Team which will be responsible to build a comprehensive, integrated and aligned early childhood system.</p> <p>MJ Newman discussed a group which she participated in which provided a recommendation on early childhood education.</p> <p>Slot Update: K. Krider reported that currently there remains one open PD slot. She also discussed pushback from the SDE regarding how much of the grant is spent on slots versus administration of the grant. Members discussed how best to</p>	MJ Newman will look for the recommendation and provide it by email for distribution to members.

	<p>be heard on this issue and one suggestion is to get local legislatures involved.</p> <p>Guest, Terry Cook, is introduced to MAC.</p>	
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Transportation Document: K. Grunwald provided members with a draft Interoffice Memorandum from Human Services Advisory Committee, Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities and MAC requesting that the Transportation Advisory Committee meet and address questions surrounding the issue of transportation. K. Grunwald stated that he is requesting that each Committee endorse the document before it is sent.</p> <p>MCC Events: K. Krider presented members with a flyer regarding the upcoming Tour de Mansfield which will be held on June 23rd. She also noted that MCC is looking for volunteers on that date to help out.</p> <p>Literacy grant/GMF news: K. Krider reported GMF did not choose Mansfield for the Literacy grant and that she has requested feedback as to why and has not received it yet.</p> <p>With regard to the GMF grant, K. Krider reported that she was asked to supply to additional letters with regard to the Town and CCEA's match funds which was done. C. Guerreri added that many of the communities were found to have inadequate matches.</p> <p>Members discussed that the message is clear that the Discovery Initiative will come to an end and serious thought needs to be given as to how to fund it when that time comes.</p> <p>Co-Chair Update: K. Krider reported that V. Fry has agreed to replace J. Stoughton as co-chair in September. It was noted that the co-chairs have a term of 2 years with the possibility of more.</p> <p>Partner's Exercise: G. Bent requested that members identify and list potential partners for the transportation and e-book projects. The lists are attached to these minutes as Exhibit A. Members agreed that partners will be contacted within 30 days of the identification of a clear request.</p>	<p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p><i>J. Higham moves to endorse the Interoffice Memorandum directed to the Transportation Advisory Committee as presented to MAC. E. Soffer Reports seconds and the motion passes unanimously.</i></p>
WORK GROUP ORGANIZATION	<p>The meeting was suspended at 6:20pm, for members to work in their teams.</p>	
UPDATES	<p>The meeting reconvened at 7:20pm</p> <p>Plan Re-write: K. Krider reported that she has made contact with David Beckett regarding his help and will be following</p>	

	<p>up with him soon.</p> <p>Playground Committee: S. Anderson reported that Design Day was successful. She provided a drawing of the proposed playground for members to review. Members discussed an increase to the budget for the ground cover material. K. Grunwald reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the use of the land for the playground and now the issue is returned to the Town Council for authorization to proceed.</p> <p>Community Connectedness: J. Higham reported that this Team will be meeting soon to work on their presentation regarding the survey data.</p> <p>Health: P. Braitewaite reported that the Health Team continues to work on gathering BMI data from the Middle School and that she will be looking for funding sources to offer the school nurse a stipend for her work on this issue.</p> <p>Successful Learners: MJ Newman reported that Successful Learners will be gathering 2009 data on the CMT scores and working to create a dashboard.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.</p> <p>Next Executive Council meeting on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 1:15pm – 2:45pm at Town Hall in Conference Room B</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, August 1, 2012 5:00pm – 5:30pm Arrival and Dinner 5:30pm – 7:30pm MAC Meeting</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at kriderk@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Jillene B. Woodmansee Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

“All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners connected to the community.”



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Exhibit A

One Book Project

Partner	MAC Member
Birth to 3	Judy
Library	Judy
(4) Centers	Lisa/Mary Jane
All centers in Town	Kathleen
Jump Start	Mary Jane
America Reads	Mary Jane
Public Schools/Preschool	Judy/Mark L.
Home Providers	Kathleen
Healthcare Providers	Esther
UConn Co-op	Mary Jane
Area Businesses	*TBD
Farmers Market	
BOE	Mark L.
Mayor	Gloria
MCC	Terry
Churches	Gloria
Home School Networks	Jessica

Transportation Project

Partner	MAC Member
Transportation Adv. Committee	Kevin (can be in form of MOU)
WRTF	Kevin
BOE	
UConn Transportation Services	
Library	
Generations	
EDDH	Kathleen (Transformation Grant)
Apartment Complex Owners/Managers	
Local Police	